5

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides an optical information medium having excellent weather resistance and repeating characteristics. The optical information medium has a barrier layer between a protective layer and a recording layer. The barrier layer includes GeN or GeON, and at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al, B, Ba, Bi, C, Ca, Ce, Cr, Dy, Eu, Ga, H, In, K, La, Mn, N, Nb, Ni, Pb, Pd, S, Si, Sb, Sn, Ta, Te, Ti, V, W, Yb, Zn and Zr.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

*Express Moll" mailing labol number EL435536740US

Date of Dapposit

I have a country that his paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Poster Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" convice under 37 CFR 1.10 on the data indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner of Petents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231